

**Minutes of the 9 January 2006 Regular Meeting of the  
Park and Recreation Committee of the RTM**

**AMENDED**

Committee members present:

Pat D'Arinzo  
Michele Gartland  
Andrews Hunter  
Lee Pratt  
Jennifer Sommer  
William Tamme

Michele De Rocco  
Barry Gidseg  
David Maloof  
Cheryl Russell  
Gary Swenson  
Penne Weicker

Committee members absent:

Stephen Alliegro

James Howe

Having established a quorum was present Ms. Russell, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 730p in room 119 of the Darien Town Hall. New members were introduced.

Ms. Russell asked to amend the Agenda to make the Chair's Report the first item so she and Mr. Swenson could attend a portion of a public meeting of the RTM's TGS&A Committee that would begin at 800p. The Committee agreed to the proposed change to the Agenda.

In her report, Ms. Russell covered several items:

- She gave some background on the aforementioned TGS&A meeting. TGS&A would be soliciting comments on its proposed changes to Sec 33 of the Town Code of Ordinances. She noted that to the best of her knowledge neither the Police Department nor the Director of Park and Recreation had indicated their support of the proposed changes.
- The Park and Recreation Commission will be holding a meeting on 18 January to solicit the public's input on the 2006/07 Park and Recreation fee schedule and urged committee members to attend.

The minutes of the Committee's 7 November 2005 meeting were approved.

Ms. Russell and Mr. Swenson excused themselves at 810p to attend the TGS&A meeting and Mr. D'Arinzo assumed the role of acting Chair.

The Committee then entered into a wide-ranging discussion of possible uses for the Diller Property, which continued after Ms. Russell and Mr. Swenson returned at 840p. It was agreed that the Committee would extend an invitation to the informal "pool committee" to make a presentation at a future meeting.

The Committee then reviewed early drafts of both the Park and Recreation 2006/07 Operating and Capital Improvements budgets. Ms. Russell noted that the P&R Commission will present it's proposed 2006/07 budgets to the Board of Selectmen at 700p on 31 January and urged Committee members to attend that meeting. The Committee was advised by Ms. Russell to ignore columns labelled " Current Adj Budget" and "Projected Actual" in the draft Operating Budget. The information in these columns is incorrect due to a computer error. It was noted that the Commission's proposed increases for electricity charges seemed low. With regard to the draft Capital Improvements Budget, **the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a change in the "Project Description & Justification" section of the project titled "Diller Property"**. The Committee suggests the following wording:

"To fund a feasibility study regarding the possible development of the Diller Property."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 940p.

/signed/ William J. Tamme,  
Clerk